

REMARKS

Claims 35, 37-41, 43-51 and 53-54 are pending. Claims 1-34, 36, 42, 52 and 55-103 have been canceled without prejudice to their being pursued in any future divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application. Claims 35, 39-41, 43-45, 47, 49, 50-51 and 53-54 have been amended. The amendments to claims 39-40, 41-43, 47, 51 and 53 replace acronyms (e.g. NMWCO) with the acronym's full words. Acronyms have also been replaced in amended claims 35 and 49, which contain additional amendments, described below. Furthermore, claims 35 and 49 have been amended to note that a supernatant is formed by lysing and pelleting the debris. Support for this amendment can be found on page 50 of the specification. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Examiner's Advisory Action Comments

Applicants note with thanks the Examiner's statement that claims 35, 37-41, 43-51 and 53-54 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims.

Solely to speed the issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 35, 37-41, 43-51 and 53-54, Applicants have hereinabove canceled the claims deemed by the Examiner to be non-allowable at this time (*i.e.* claims 36, 50, 74-78 and 101-103). Applicants note that such cancellation is without prejudice to these claims being asserted in any future divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.

Applicants respectfully submit, as noted by the Examiner, that pending claims 35, 37-41, 43-51 and 53-54 are in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance is therefore

respectfully requested. If any issues remain outstanding, applicants invite the Examiner to discuss the same at a telephone interview.

No additional fees, except the fee for a three month extension of time, are believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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